

MONAHAN DIES AT HOSPITAL, VICTIM ISLAND ACCIDENT

Davenport Garage Owner Dies as Result of Fracture Inflicted at the Base of His Skull.

CARROLL'S CHANCES DECREASE

Little Hope for Recovery of Iowa City Man, While Fred De Battle Suffers Dangerous Relapse.

Harry C. Monahan died in St. Luke's hospital, Davenport, at 11:30 o'clock this morning, a victim of reckless driving of his automobile on Fort Armstrong avenue Saturday night, when his machine telescoped the front end of a bridge line street car.

Suffering several broken bones and numerous wounds in the head and body, little hope that he would recover had been entertained at any time by his physician. Statement was made at the hospital that the fracture at the base of his skull is directly attributable to Monahan's death.

Sunday morning, hours after the accident, Monahan showed signs of consciousness for the first time. He remained in a semi-conscious state about twelve hours and yesterday fluctuated between consciousness and semi-consciousness. At times his mind would be clear a short while, only to be delirious again. He rested poorly during the night and this morning no improvement was noted. Shortly after 9 o'clock he lapsed into unconsciousness and died two hours later.

Although his other injuries were serious, the fracture at the base of the skull gave the attendants most concern. Monahan was not operated on when taken to the hospital, but the broken bones were set. Aside from the fracture of the skull, he sustained a compound fracture of the bones in the left leg, a broken nose and fracture of a bone in the left arm. There were other wounds in the head and body, among the more serious being scalp bruises and lacerations.

Driver of the Auto.
Monahan drove the automobile which struck the street car flush in front, at a point on Fort Armstrong avenue just east of where the street car tracks turn from the main Rock Island bridge. The accident, aside from resulting in his death, caused injuries which will probably result fatally to one and possibly two others.

Word from the bedside of C. C. Carroll, Iowa City, who occupied the front seat with Monahan, today is to the effect that his chances for recovering are very slight. His condition is critical and relatives have been summoned to this city, as his death may be expected at any time. He is at St. Anthony's hospital.

Fred De Battle, Davenport, who was trampled under the feet of passengers in the street car when the crowd became panic-stricken at the crash and jolt received when the car was brought to a stop, today suffered a relapse, and while his injuries were first regarded of a minor nature, today they are considered serious. He is internally injured and fear is expressed that he will not recover.

Monahan was senior member of the firm of Monahan & Brown, which conduct the River-to-River garage at 414 Main street, Davenport. He was known throughout the east central section of Iowa, having for years conducted a garage at Tipton.

The deceased was unmarried, a native of Iowa and born 25 years ago. On Oct. 1 he removed to Davenport, disposing of his business in Tipton and launching a new enterprise in Davenport. He and Earl Brown have conducted the garage for six months, also operating it in conjunction with a taxi service.

Relatives at Bedside.
At the time of Monahan's death his mother, who resides in Tipton, and his four sisters were at his bedside. Two of his sisters live in Tipton and two in Davenport. Those who live in Davenport are Mrs. John Dean and Mrs. J. H. Early.

Baugh is Serious.
Ben Baugh, who was hurt in the

PROBING AERO DEPARTMENT



Senator Robinson (left) and Lieut. Col. Reber.

Washington, Feb. 29.—That Colonel Samuel Reber, head of the army aviation service, is not equal to his job and that the service as now managed is a "farce" and "deception" and "contemptibly inefficient," is the charge made by Senator Robinson of Arkansas.

"The inefficiency and unsatisfactory results of the present management of the aviation section," said he, "are disclosed by the fact that during eight years in which the signal corps has had control of aviation only about twenty-four qualified fliers with the military rating have been produced."

"Very few of the so-called qualified fliers have ever done military work, or even seen from an aeroplane a field gun fired. Only one or two have maneuvered an aeroplane with bombs attached to it for use. The service has no bombs, no bomb sighting device, no method of mounting a gun on an aeroplane, nor has a gun ever been fired from an aeroplane. We have no armored aeroplanes, and the machines on hand are not efficient enough for military flying."

"During the eight years which have netted only about twenty-four qualified fliers, there have occurred 17 deaths, in connection with military aviation, 15 officers having been killed."

crash of the street car when panic seized the crowd, is in a serious condition at Mercy hospital. Aside from two fractured ribs, he is suffering from internal injuries, and it is feared that his spine is hurt. Efforts to definitely determine this will not be made for several days, as the doctor refuses to permit him to be moved for the present to take an X-ray photograph.

Baugh has been under the influence of morphine since Saturday night, the pain being so great that artificial means to ease it were resorted to.

C. Schmale, Davenport, who suffered scalp wounds and cuts on the head caused by flying glass, was reported as being much better today. He is at St. Luke's hospital.

Others who were slightly hurt in the accident are recovering from their injuries.

FARMERS TO GET AID FROM STATE

Illinois Free Employment Bureau Engaging Hands for Country Spring Activities.

Superintendent Cornelius Donovan of the Rock Island state free employment bureau today mailed 150 letters to farmers in this vicinity, advising them that the local office was now conducting a campaign to furnish farm laborers. Although farm hands are hired at any time, Mr. Donovan makes a special effort in the spring of each year to secure this class of employee when it is most needed by the farmers, who are now starting to engage help for coming activities. Tuesday and Friday of each week has been set aside as "farmers' day" and on these days Mr. Donovan will have prospective help at the office that employers may make their selections. Ten farm hands were given employment yesterday. Mr. Donovan stated today that labor in all lines was scarce and the employers were experiencing trouble in securing help.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Capias for the arrest of William Smith, Moline, on a charge of contempt was issued by Judge N. A. Larson this morning. It is alleged the defendant failed to obey the court's order in making payments for the support of his family, when picked up on a charge of wife abandonment.

Two more farmers of the county have dignified their places in Coe township by having names for them recorded with Recorder Sam Ryerson. N. B. Pearsall chose the title Maple Grove Stock Farm and Claus Rocker, Maple Lane.

Judge N. A. Larson dismissed the jury in county court this morning until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. At 9 o'clock attorneys are to meet with the court for the purpose of arranging a trial calendar.

To dispose of Old Tin Cans—Fill them with coal, and when you have a hot fire in the furnace, put them in.



The other two cases embrace the death of one field soldier and one civilian. Thus, approximately 65 per cent as many officers have been killed as there are now officer pilots on aviation duty.

"Six of these aviators were killed within 19 months, and it believed that an investigation will disclose that their deaths were due to the fact that they were required to attempt flights in antiquated biplanes known to be defective and dangerous. Following the death of Lieutenant Post four of these machines were burned."

"It is believed that an investigation will disclose that other injuries were due to the use of unsafe machines and that in some cases, where warning had been given that the machines were unsafe, officers who were required to fly in them, were in some instances injured and others killed."

DEATH SUMMONS VETERAN GROCER

Theodore G. Efflandt, in Business in Moline 47 Years, Victim of Paralytic Stroke.

STARTS WITH AN OLD CONCERN

Had Conducted Own Store Since 1905—Leaves Wife, Three Daughters and Son.

Death today called Theodore G. Efflandt, veteran Moline grocer. He had been ailing five days following a stroke of paralysis.

He was born in Moline, Jan. 6, 1862, and grew to manhood there. His education was received in the Moline public schools, and at the age of 15 he entered the grocery business, in which he was engaged till time of his death. He was first connected with Mapes brothers, one of the older firms in Moline, then with John Wolf and then with John Swanson. During the last 11 years he had been in business for himself.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Hattie Efflandt, three daughters, Mrs. Bert Bowman, Mrs. Edgar Bell and Miss Theo Efflandt, and a son, Dale. Theodore, another son, preceded his father in death. Five grandchildren, two brothers and five sisters are also left. Charles and Joseph H., both of Moline, are the brothers, while Mrs. Amelia Hass of Davenport, and Mrs. Tracy Chase, Mrs. Andrew C. Dorman, Mrs. George H. Chase and Mrs. Henry Extrom of Moline are the sisters. Fraternally Mr. Efflandt was a member of Abe Lincoln camp, No. 153, M. W. A., and St. George lodge, No. 28, K. of P. Funeral will be held from the home at 2:30 Thursday afternoon, Rev. R. S. Haney officiating. Burial will be in Riverside cemetery.

Irwa Rose Bolinger.

Irwa Rose Bolinger, 16-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bolinger, 519 Fifth avenue, Moline, died at the home yesterday afternoon at 2:45 after an illness of one day with pneumonia. She was born in Moline Oct. 10, 1914, and leaves her parents, one sister, Dorothy, her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Greims, of Moline, and an uncle, Milo Greims, of Detroit, to mourn her passing.

Funeral will be held from the residence at 2 Wednesday afternoon and will be private. Burial will be in Riverside cemetery.

Notice.

All holders of the bonds of the Colonial Hotel company of Rock Island, are hereby notified of a meeting of said bondholders on March 11, 1916, at 11 o'clock a. m., at room 305 Safety building, in the city of Rock Island, Ill., for the purpose of electing a trustee or successor in trust, according to the provisions of the trust deed executed by said company, recorded in the recorder's office of Rock Island county, in book 129 of mortgages, page 67.

Signed and published Feb. 29, 1916, G. C. WENGER.

All the news all the time.—The Argus.

SELECT JURY FOR BIG PAVING CASE

Introduction of Evidence Started in Suit of Moline Against Barber Asphalt Company.

ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT \$40,000

Municipality Seeking to Forfeit Maintenance Bond Furnished by Surety Concern.

With the selection of the jury and opening statements by counsel completed, introduction of evidence in the case of the city of Moline against the Barber Asphalt company and the National Surety company was started in circuit court this afternoon.

The municipality is trying to collect the maintenance bonds to the extent of \$40,000 furnished by the surety concern to protect the city at the time the contract for the paving of Fifteenth street, Eighth to Twenty-fifth avenue, was entered into on April 19, 1902. It is the city's contention that the company agreed to take care of repairs for a period of 10 years. It is charged that inferior workmanship and poor material was used and that the specifications were not followed. Shalberg & Harper and James Johnston appear for the city and Stafford, Schoede & Stafford, and Morris M. Townley, Chicago, for the defendant.

Jury is Selected.

Opening statements were made to the jury by G. A. Shalberg for the plaintiff and E. H. Stafford for the asphalt company.

The jury hearing the case is composed of:

Moline—Walter Griffin, H. C. Thompson, W. H. Swan.
Rock Island—William Hoffman, H. W. Baker, C. J. Allen, Robert Cox, L. Anderson.
South Rock Island—C. C. Kennedy.
Zuma—Raymond Dunbar.
Buffalo Prairie—Guy Tyler.
Hampton—C. S. Rosenberg.

COLLECT \$730 IN FINES FOR MONTH

Report of Police Department for February Completed Today Showing 142 Cases Tried.

Fines in an amount of \$730 were collected by the Rock Island police department during the month closing today. There were 142 warrants sworn out, 118 of which were city, 26 state and one federal. Three city cases and two state were dismissed.

CITY CASES.	
Disorderly conduct	62
Assault and battery	2
Drunk	29
Selling liquor without license	4
Keeping gaming house	1
Gaming	8
Assault	2
Selling liquor on Sunday	1
Resisting officer	2
Careless driving	1
Cases dismissed	3
Total	115

STATE CASES.	
Fugitives from justice	3
Obtaining money falsely	1
Larceny	1
Disorderly conduct	5
Vagrancy	4
Robbery	1
Burglary	2
Disturbing peace	1
Adultery	2
Bigamy	2
Forgery	2
Dismissed	2
Total	28

IN MOLINE LODGES

One of the biggest meetings of the season was held in Swedish Olive hall last evening, when first degree work was put on for five candidates. There was a large representation from the local lodge, and in addition visitors from Rock Island, Davenport, Alledo and other places were present. After the work had been put on by the degree staff the remainder of the evening was spent in nature of a social. Another big entertainment, similar to the one given some time ago, but on a more extensive scale, will be held next Monday evening at the regular lodge meeting. Arrangements are now in the hands of a committee and something original in line of entertainment is promised. Election of officers for the next term of six months will also take place at that time. Installation will be first meeting in April.

Degree staff of Frej lodge No. 15, Independent Order of Svithlods—25 strong—has returned from Galesburg, where it put on degree work for a class of 29 in the Galesburg lodge of the same order. The local lodge people went to the seat of Knox county in a special car, and report that the trip was one of the most enjoyable ever sponsored by the lodge. Work put on for the Galesburgers was also highly satisfactory and the Frej lodge degree staff has acquired a reputation throughout the state as one of the foremost teams. The Moline Svithlods were royally entertained in Galesburg, they report, by their lodge brothers there.

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\$25 Suit Sale

NEW PETITION IS FILED FOR PAVING

Proceedings Providing for Improvement of Twentieth Street Started in Court.

Petition for the paving of Twentieth street, Seventh to Eighteenth avenue, was filed in county court this morning. Judge N. A. Larson named W. A. Norris as commissioner to make assessments. Estimated cost is \$35,211.50.

Brick is the material selected for the improvement. It will be remembered that the city dismissed proceedings started last year for the same project. The job had been divided into three sections, one of which was to have a boulevard in the center of the street, while brick was to be used for part of the job and asphalt for the rest. This plan was unsatisfactory to the property owners after they had advanced it and it was decided to file

new proceedings, eliminating the boulevard feature.

BRING GAY LOTHARIO BACK TO TRI-CITIES

Robert C. Breece, who according to allegations, is said to have staged a pretty wild game in the tri-cities, this afternoon is being given a hearing in Davenport police court. Breece, it is claimed, not only overlooked the matter of paying his bills at the New Harper in Rock Island and the Blackhawk in Davenport, but showed evidences in his visit to the tri-cities of being somewhat of a heart-breaker. He was arrested late yesterday afternoon in Cedar Rapids and was brought to Davenport last night.

Charges of violation of the Mann act, of beating hotel bills and alienating the affections of two or three married women have been preferred against him. A man named Carney, living in Davenport, made complaint that Breece took his wife from him, going first to Peoria and later to Cedar Rapids. According to another man, Thomas Struck, Breece enticed two other

women away from the tri-cities, one of whom is Mrs. Struck. Charge is made that the Carney woman was under the influence of a drug when found in Cedar Rapids and that a physician labored over an hour to restore her to consciousness. Breece while here said he was an advertising man.

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